

This paper has a larger circulation and more readers than any other paper published in Oxford County. Rates of advertising reasonable and made known on application.

Should there be a vacancy on the Supreme Bench, as now seems quite likely, Oxford County will strongly urge the appointment of Hon. Enoch Foster of Bethel.

We would like to get a special correspondent at Bethel. Expenses and inducements offered. Will someone volunteer? Send news to this office.

J. Winslow Jones has reopened the old suit against Gen. C. P. Mattocks. It is only with a slight variation. The property of Gen. Mattocks has been attached, and eight or ten banks, including the Norway Savings Bank, have been trustees.

The absent "Waterbury Boys" are to hold a reunion at the Waterbury House on Feb. 13. Captain Appleby in accordance with their request is making the arrangements. There will be a ball in the evening. We are in hopes to give further particulars as the matter is arranged.

Hon. E. L. Parris, a native of Paris, Me., has recently been appointed Assistant District Attorney of New York City at a salary of \$1,000 per year. Mr. E. L. Parris is a brother of Percival J. Parris who formerly edited a newspaper in Norway.

Vick's Floral Guide for 1884 maintains the old reputation of this standard annual for artistic excellence in design and finish. It contains 134 pages, besides the title covers, and three colored plates. Sent by mail for 10 cents. James Vick, Rochester, N. Y.

The Democrat comes to hand enlarged and changed in a greatly improved. The history of its half-century of existence is well written by Dr. Lapham and is a very interesting article. The Democrat is an able paper and is fully worthy of the generous support accorded it.

The Lancaster, N. H., Gazette is laying out a little the largest of anything we have lately seen in the newspaper line. It is a well edited paper and is costing its publisher a pile of money. It has adopted the cash in advance system, and evidently intends to stick to it. It is a pity that the paper is worth twice the asking price. We await the result with some interest.

The Biddeford Daily Journal, C. H. Prescott proprietor, blossomed out for the first time last Saturday. The simple copy is a good one, and the enterprising publisher of the weekly Journal is only following out a long cherished plan. The Journal is not a patch of doubt but the Daily will be a popular and profitable as the weekly Journal has become under his management.

The Union Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Maine better go slow notwithstanding that several of the leading insurance papers of the country severely criticize the action of Commissioner Tuxford. This unpleasant predicament of the Union Mutual leaves heavy avoided had not the officers of the company and Commissioner Smith considered themselves bigger than all New England put together. We think President De Witt for the large amount of valuable literature sent us, but we are unable to change our mind in the matter.

The Democrat shows a cash balance in the treasury of \$5,800. The sources of the county exceed the liabilities \$9,374.00. The present board of commissioners, Hon. Walter Pettengill, Hon. Frank G. Hamlin and Hon. George F. Hammond will continue in office for three years to come. Hon. Geo. A. Wilson, of So. Paris, qualified as Judge of Probate on Jan. 1st, will hold his first term of court next Tuesday.

The rates of insurance have taken a big leap upwards in this county. The recent rating made by a committee from the New England Insurance Exchange has increased the tariff fully one-third and in some instances it has more than doubled. Under the old system there was a great inequality of premiums paid on the same kind of risks. A sort of "get what you can" existed between underwriters to such an extent that many companies have been doing business at a loss. It now seems that the companies have "pooled their rates" and adopted a standard of uniform rates for all similar risks. This table of ratings is given to the local insurance agencies and they are expected to live up to them. How well they will do to them. How well they will do to them. How well they will do to them. How well they will do to them.

Of course every good citizen makes it a point to take his paper but at this season many persons are selecting additional reading matter for the ensuing year and to the Lexington Weekly Journal. The paper has lately been enlarged so that it now contains fifty-six serial columns, as much as any other paper in the county. An ordinary dollar book, and more good reading for \$2, it is believed, than can be obtained in any form. Its ample columns enable the editors to present each week a complete history of what is passing in the world; to give editorial comment on local, political and social events; to present a series of the State in such detail as no other paper attempts; a full and complete agricultural department, in which is reviewed the progress of this important interest in Maine. To this is added an interesting miscellaneous department. "Saturday Night Talks" are always read with interest. The special correspondence of the paper is an important feature. At present a series of letters on Palestine are appearing, giving vivid pictures of scenes in the Holy Land. All over the State the Journal is promptly served by special correspondence. In a word, Maine men, at home or abroad, by the use of the telegraph, and improved machinery, the news in each issue is as fresh as that of a daily of corresponding date. The Journal has a well organized editorial corps, whose entire energies are given to making the Journal essential to those who would be thoroughly informed of all events in the State of Maine.

The price of the Weekly is \$2.00 per year in advance. Trial trips, three months for 50 cents.

FRIDAY. With the mercury running from 16 to 36 degrees below zero, this is enough for all practical purposes. The ice men are rejoicing in the opportunity to fill the ice house with this ice.

Thursday evening, Jan. 3, there was a Leap Year Ball at Court Hall. There were about thirty-six couple present and all pronounced it a very enjoyable occasion, excepting that the intervals between the dances were altogether too short. Supper was served by Mr. Gee.

More Barrow.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 17th, 1883. My DEAR ADVERTISER:—So long is it since I favored thee with lines from my classmate pen that I fear that the fact of my existence has been forgotten, so do I think it needful to revive your tardy recollections and inform my anxious friends and creditors that, in the words of the immortal Webster, I still live—after a fashion. The last time I came to the surface I felt that the world of cultured Boston; but times change—and I may vary also, lack of change—cause us all to change, hence I am here in the city of education. Brooklyn is not as classic as Boston, but is about twice as large and this may make up for it. It covers an immense area of ground, and has the newest horse-car service in existence. The beautifully complicated Boston system being innocuous and unadorned beside it. I say this while feeling highly, having just come from a half-hour ride on the ragged edge of the cheerful platform in the teeth of a driving nor-wester. Brooklyn is noted for the fact of being across the east river from New York, and for possessing the greatest preacher and the most marvelous brain in the world. True, some of the bridge belongs to New York, but nobody ever alludes to that, it's always the Brooklyn Bridge.

Some pale green grumble at anything from such trifles as finding bits of a brass collar in the mice pie, as my friend the artist did the other day, and the fact that the bridge is not his, its hair cut before coming to the table, up to the greatest matters extant. So people grumble at the bridge; that it cost the life of about \$200,000, that the bridge cable cars don't run fast enough, and that the Smith engines are not painted the right color, and so on without end. Well, I have not seen since the first few strands of wire swung across the turbid river, and I should like to hold it in its completed glory. I was profoundly impressed. I stood on the deck of the great Pilgrim of the Fall River line as the sun came up and the morning mists hung lightly about the mighty towers, while the graceful span swung out free over the broad river from its spider-like cables, forming a picture worthy of the name. Its cost was immense, but on inspection, it did not seem that money or men could accomplish what they did. On either side the carriage roads and the railway tracks, while in the center high above them is the promenade. The pretty cars, resembling models of the latest art, glide along noiselessly in the grip of an endless wire rope that is kept at a brisk speed by powerful engines at the Brooklyn end of the bridge. The cars carry many passengers, and the foot path is well patronized. A view from the bridge by moonlight is worth a long journey, and the view by day is not less beautiful, clear night. The moon was in all its fullness, large, round and shining brightly, like the back of a silver platter. The water of the river was a blue river full of lighted craft, and on either side the great cities, with long rows of street lights stretching out as far as the eye could see, with here and there a dazzling electric lamp, while the rattle and bang of the streets came to our ears only as a murmur.

But enough of bridges. The weather is fine, not cold enough to trouble anybody from the elegant Maine climate. The thermometer did manage to get near freezing, but the weather is not as cold as it was last year, on account of so much snow ice. We are very happy to see that A. Ward, Jr., has found a gold mine of untold wealth in Oxford Village. It points out at the rate of seventy-five cents a pound, and is a fine find. "Don't go West," for he will be a millionaire. We have seen several items regarding a J. G. Rich of Bethel, in this paper, and would like to ask if it is not against the laws of this State to export gold from the State? It is not close time for partridges at the present time of writing? If it is what has Mr. Rich or any other persons been doing with the partridges? Others are denied the privilege?

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We noticed that our young correspondent, Vox by name, received an elegant moustache clip on the Christmas tree, and wondered at the time, what he could use it for; as he is a very young gentleman and there is no prospect of a moustache. But he has solved the problem by using the same for a shaving mug with astonishing results.

Oxford is soon to have a drama by home talent, also a concert by the band.

G. A. Spaulding, the veteran jeweler has been stopping a few days at the Lake House.

The schools all commenced Monday with a good attendance.

Dr. A. L. Hester kept a good driving horse, and he finds driving enough for both, as he has a very large practice at present.

Mr. James Wardwell of Oregon is visiting his relatives in this place, having been away 28 years this spring. He says he had rather live in Oregon, where they have no snow to winter in, and where the thermometer runs down to 16° below zero.

A. L. Faunce is the recipient of an elegant music rack, presented by the band as a slight token of their esteem for his services as leader.

It is reported that S. D. Edwards has sold out his interest in the firm of Edwards & Archibald saw-wood mowers and is putting his whole time and attention to his large and extensive hardware trade.

Deacon Nathaniel Lord has returned from a visit to his daughter in Ansonia. Mr. Lord is 84 years old and is a marvel of smartness, having carried on quite a large farm during the summer.

The ash cord wood has not been so much as in former years.

A new depot March 1st, at least the Grand Trunk officials so say, and we should think it was about time. As the depot is now situated with a track on either side, it is little more or less than a death trap.

Several accidents have occurred, and some of a very serious nature, and the G. T. R. is liable every day it stands for damages. An approaching train is right upon you before you know where it is. A paper is going the rounds for money to buy the land upon which to build it.

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SOUTH PARIS.

Sylvan Shortleaf of Portland, has recently purchased four acres of the lot owned by Gerry and Andrews, situated beyond the depot on the road to Norway, and formerly known as the Bailey lot. The site has been located on the most prominent part of the lot, and is the intention of Mr. S. to build a summer residence, to grade the lot and have a set of premises second to none in the county.

W. Bailey is the boss blacksmith. He has sold 150 horses the past week in his shop.

Lawson Hill has sold his new house on Hill's avenue to Geo. F. Libby. It is the first of January, and now is the time to send in your bills for collection.

W. J. Wheeler sold a couple of horses recently.

Chas. W. Bowker bought the Levi Hamlin place last Saturday.

J. F. Penley recently killed a beef that weighed six feet, two inches, and dressed 740 lbs.

C. R. Penley's beef cow dressed over 700 pounds.

A. W. Jackson is in poor health this winter. He recently sold a pair of three-year-old steers to E. C. Jackson of Norway.

A. J. Penley sold to Abner Jackson of Norway a pair of year-old steers for \$70.00.

Asaph Jackson has bought two pairs of oxen. He now has four pairs with which he will team as soon as there is snow enough.

Any one desiring to purchase real estate, whether a farm or village property, will do well to call on Wilson & Greenwood. They also let and look after rents.

W. J. Wheeler recently received from Benning & Son of N. Y., the finest piano ever brought into this town.

Joe Poole, our genial landlord, has the finest passenger sleigh we have seen for some time.

Millard Stevens visited the school the other day, but by mistake got into the wrong room. Millard says he shall know better next time.

They are taking account of stock at the shoe factory.

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We keep and sell nothing but Fresh First-class Goods! Our great secret of selling so cheap was and is, we do an extensive yearly business, running three stores, keeping a stock at our main store of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, disposing of immense quantities of goods, with the ready cash at our disposal, enables us to buy for Cash, immense quantities of goods from the first hands, at the manufacturer's big auction sales in New York, occurring about once a month, thereby saving a big percentage for our patrons; which, if we only did a business of a few thousand a year, and had to buy of Jobbers the general way, getting the credit of four to six months, we should have to get the killing prices charged by many other dealers.

A word to the competitors of Oxford County: If any that set off to advertise for us in their way, continue to do so; we have come to Norway to stay; we were not born in the woods to be frightened out by an Owl—or either born in a city to be frightened away by a Jack with long ears. Our stocks are our own and we propose to sell them as we choose; but we will right here say if any dealer in the business will show the people a Large and Nice stock of seasonable first-class Goods for less money than we are offering them, or even as low as we are offering them, we will pack up and leave Norway, and they can again have it their own way.

A word to the people in general: We come to NORWAY to benefit the consumer of Dry and Fancy Goods with a FRESH stock direct from the manufacturer's store, comprising everything in the Dry and Fancy Goods line, at auction prices, as hundreds of you that have examined our goods can testify.

We have notified our buyer at headquarters of our great success here, requesting him to secure all the immediate bargains and ship to us daily. For want of space, we cannot quote but a few of our tremendous bargains.

One lot more of those White Blankets which we have sold 215 pair since we have been with you, for only \$1.25 per pair.

One lot of those grey Blankets which we have sold 168 pair since we have been with you, for only \$1.00 per pair.

One lot of those white and colored California Blankets that we have sold 83 pair since we have been with you, for only \$2.50 per pair.

One lot of those white and colored California Blankets of which we have sold 69 pair since we have been with you, for only \$4.00 per pair. These same goods are retailing all over the country for \$7.00 and \$8.00 per pair.

Another large lot of those German and Harris Cashmeres that we have had such a rush on through our great opening sale for only \$1.00 per yard. Their goodness and value hundreds can testify to.

Another big lot of those Sating Damask Towels, yard and quarter large. Their goodness and value hundreds of buyers in this vicinity can testify to.

10,000 yards more of those Best Quality Prints. When we say best quality, it means a guarantee that they are the best made in the United States; and all know the Price is less than they can be manufactured for.

Another big lot of Fruit of the Loom, Cabot and several other best makes of Bleached Cottons, the same that we have been having such a rush for the past week, for only 8 cents per yard. All know that the price is less than the can be manufactured for.

We have Dress Goods from 6 1-4 cents to \$4.00 per yard 25 per cent. less than they can be sold elsewhere.

Shawls in endless Profusion at half the regular retail Price.

Cloaks, Dolmans and Ulsters for ladies, misses and children's wear. We are manufacturers of these goods and can sell them at much less price than they can be produced elsewhere.

We have Silks and Satins from 50 cents per yd. to \$5.00 per yard.

We have Velvets and Plushes from \$1 per yard to \$12; and we will guarantee to sell at prices 30 per cent. cheaper than they can be bought in any Place in the State of Maine.

Ladies, misses and children's Hosiery and a full line of Fancy Goods at one half the regular retail price, and Hosts of other bargains too numerous to mention.

Big Bargains added daily from the Manufacturer. Big Auction Sales in New York.

To one and all we invite you to an examination of this Immense Stock. No trouble to Show Goods. All Orders Promptly attended to.

Taking this opportunity to thank you, one and all for your very liberal patronage in the short time that we have been with you. We hope by Honest Dealing and One Price to all, to secure as large a patronage in the future.

P. S. All goods, if not satisfactory on getting them home, the money will be cheerfully refunded in full.

Yours Respectfully,
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